SOLOMON'S MINES.

EUROPEANS STUMBLE UPON RUINS OF AN AFRICAN CIVILIZATION.

Haggard's Story Not a Myth-A Population Which Dug the Gold for the Splenders of Ancient Jerusalem.

[New York World,]

All those who have read Rider Haggard's graphic description of King one rainy afternoon years ago," said a Solomon's mines will be interested to noted hotel man to a Boston Globe reknow that the mines in question, far porter, "I found a group of four sitting ration more accustomed to leisure. The Mashonaland expedition of the English tled down for a few hours of old-time closely that of the wealthy class abroad.

Southeast African Company. Ziababye, an ancient city in Mashonaland, was visited many years ago by the German traveller Mauch, but he did not appear to have any knowledge of the existence of gold-mines, nor did he offer any hypothesis as to the ancient people who had inhabited the city. The next occasion of its being visited by Europeans was a few weeks ago, when some of buying a case of wine in France to be members of the British South Africa Company's pioneer force stumbled upon the ruins, which lie at the base of a striking and precipitous cliff of "kopie." An outer wall about four feet high runs apole clerk, 'while I am gone up-stairs you parently around the entire "kopie," but owing to a dense jungle this wall could not be traced further than half a mile. Next came indications of a second and inner wall which, for the same reason, was unable to be traced for any distance. Then, amid a perfect labyrinth of remains of smaller circular build-

ings, stands a high wall of circular shape, from 30 to 35 feet high, forming a complete enclosure of an area eighty yards in diameter. This wall is ten feet thick at the base and tapers to about seven feet at the top, is milt of small granite blocks about twice the size of an ordinary brick, beautifully newn and dressed, laid in perfectly even courses, and is put together without the use of any mortar or cement whatever.

This enclosure is entered by a mere gap in the wall, but which at one time was a well-built entrance, as it is clearly shown by the rounded-off courses. AN ANCIENT TOWER.

Inside the building itself and close to the entrance and outer wall stands a cone-shaped tower thirty-five feet high and eighteen feet in diameter at the base, ices, at least nine in number, and built feet state of preservation.

The tendency to construct circular buildings would seem to indicate an ab-

sence of intercourse with the ancient Experience, whose architecture was of an have grown in such profusion wonders of human history.

scriously impede systematic investigation

The Puritans, driven from the civilizaancient records are said to make frequent mention of a people living in that part of Southeast Africa and established creasing it. there long before their own arrival, and whom they represent as working for gold in the far interior. But whatever the origin of the ruins, the bare possibility that the conical tower may prove to be the tumulus of the Queen whom King

The Hindoo who conquered Java could readily have ascended the Zambesia, as might the Malays who conquered Madagascut, and who remain to this day among the boldest and most adventurous of all martime peoples. So might, and much more probably, the Arabs, who founded the Sabean Kingdom, who would naturally be drawn, as their descendents still are, by an irresistible attraction to the great and immensely wealthy continent just opposite their doors. And so, above all, might the Phonicians. It is known that the agents of King Solomon belonged to that race, and the gold and ivory which they brought to Jerusalem must have come from one of two places—Africa or India. We know, too, that they were experienced metallurgists, that they hunted the world for profitable mines. Then, in opposition to this theory, it would not have been likely that any foreign nation erecting these structures would have changed in every detail its traditional mode of architecture. There are no Phonician, Carthagenian, Roman, or Moorish ruins of buildings in which the use of mortar is absent, nor is there any similarity in the general form of the houses and walls of Zinbabye with that of any of the ancient ruins elsewhere on the continent of Africa. Besides, the Egyptians never were known to use granite-blocks entirely of small size, their walls being built of huge blocks.

Then, whose were the hands that raised these stony piles? What vanished race and for what forgotten purpose havilt these crutabling towers? Such

built these crumbling towers? Such massive edifices assuredly betoken the existence at one time of a civilized people in the interior of Africa. The negroes from whom descended the savage tribes that inhabit Mashonaland to-day could not have been the people. That their day was long ago is proved by the state of the ruins, into which big trees have burrowed and forced their way.

THE QUEEN OF SHEBA.

The historian Josephus in his work avs that the queen who was attracted to Jerusalem by the magnificence of King Solomon's court was a queen of Ethiopia named Nicaule or Nicauls. This state-ment is strengthened by an Ethiopian legend, which says that a queen of that tor:

country named Mokeda went to Jerusa"Say, will you excuse me?" lem, where she became a worshipper of the true God, and that King Solomon was the father of her son, named Memlek, whose surname was Ebn-Rakim, which signifies "Son of the Wise." Later on history tells us the queen entered Jerusalem followed by a gorgeous suite of retainers and of camels loaded with perfumes, nuggets of gold and precious stones and rich ivory. New Africa produced all these treasures in great prousion, and when, after King Solo departed from the religious ways of his forefathers and followed the worship of dols, he became so reduced in circum-stances by his reckless extravagance that he had to borrow money, it was from africa that his revenues came. Driven to desperation, the Jewish king had re-course to the means which is taken by sovereigns at the present time to raise money—he borrowed and failed to pay his creditors. The mines operated by the people of the Queen of Sheba were exact to their utmost to supply her lover sing with money, and she corresponded

with him through the means of a bird named "Hudhud," who carried their messages. The scientific name of this bird has never been known, but it might have been a carrier-pigeon, or perhaps numbers of these birds were kept for that purpose, but the legend distinctly states that only one bird was used.

DANIEL WEBSTER'S JOKES-His Plan for Stopping the Interest on

Money in Wine. "Dropping in to see a friend of mine

"As my broker friend's throat became a little busky it made him remember something long forgotten and turning to his brother he said :

"I guess, Tom, I'll go up-stairs and get a bottle of wine from that case I brought from France over twenty years "By way of explanation to us he told

used at a reception to be given him on his return home, but he found death had visited his family while on his way and

clerk, 'while I am gone up-stairs you figure up how much that wine stands me to-day, costing \$2.50 a bottle twenty years ago, and be sure you get the interest to a cent.' "Well, the interest did amount to

considerable on the whole case, and a happy thought seemed to strike Webster as a large grin spread over his face, but he soon became very solemn again. "In a few minutes the bottle stood empty, and such wine I never shall

have the pleasure of tasting again. "As we were making preparations to leave Webster turned and said to my 'George, I have thought of a plan whereby you can make some

"'How is that?' eagerly inquired ""Supposing we stop the interest on another bottle of that twenty-year-old wine,' exclaimed Webster, with a sparkle in his great eyes."

MAN'S TENDENCY UPWARD.

Fact.

built of the same grante blocks, and consisting of solid masonry. On the than the fact that weaker bodies of men authenst front of the wall and twenty driven out by stronger do not necessarily feet from its base runs a double zigzag relapse into barbarism, but frequently scroll, one third of the distance around, rise even under the most unfavorable composed of the same sized granite circumstances to a civilization equal or may have been the means of introducing blocks placed in diagonal positions. On the "kopie" and hillside itself there are been banished, writes Andrew D. White superior to that from which they have merous traces of remains of a similar in Popular Science. Out of very many haracter, circular buildings wedged in examples showing this law of upward de ong boulders of rocks, walled ter- velopment a few may be taken as typical.

The Slavs, who sank so low under the on the very summit is an enormous mass pressure of stronger races that they ap-el grante blocks to be used apparently parently gave the modern world a new as a fort, and which, owing to the com-plete absence of any disintegrating tade, have developed powerful civilizacross in this climate, is in almost a per- tion peculiar to themselves. The barbarian tribes who ages ago took refuge amid the sandbanks and morasses of Holland have developed one of the world's leading centres of civilization. The wretched peasants who, about the

entirely different nature, cement being fifth century, took refuge from invading used between the courses and the houses hordes among the lagoons and mudbeing built square. Trees centuries old banks of Venetia, developed a power in fifth century, took refuge from invading have grown in such profusion as to art, arms, and politics which is among the

erunning the race to which the inhabitants of the city belonged. One thing is climate, soil, and circumstances of early certain, that a large and semi-civilized New England; the Huguenots, driven population must once have dwelled in these lands, and under conditions which for the highest growth of civilization, to make slave-labor procurable to an un-limited extent. The natives are densely growth; the Irish peasantry, driven in is norant and hold no traditions as to vast numbers from their own island to the origin or purpose of these strange other parts of the world, on the whole ruins, but there is a tradition among the Portuguese which represents the ruins a rule, budies of men once enlightened, to have been the capital city of the land when driven to unfavorable climates and ruled by the Queen of Sheba, and their brought under the cumstances, not only retain what enlightenment they have but go on in-

A COMEDIAN'S PERIL.

Stuart Robson, the comedian, is puz-Solomon honored is enough to fire the imagination of all the antiquaries of the zled to know whether a bullet fired into was intended for him or for some one else, says a St. Louis special to the He laughs a very serious matter off, but there are those who say: "Somebbdy has it in for him." He said

We were going from Indianapolis to Cincinnati in a sleeper and I had taken a seat near the front of the car. Just as we were pulling out of the Cincinnati yards I got up out of the seat. I am very nervous, you know. I'll sit down and read a newspaper fifteen minutes and then get up and sit somewhere else. I got up from the seat and said: 'I guess that one across there is more comfortwere salled. I had hardly crossed the base when I heard a crash of glass and saw that the window in front of which I had been sitting had a little round hole in it.

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military post the officers find the cue mightier than the sword in "these mightier than the sword in boys were probably the cause of the broken windows.

"I guess not, said some one. 'No

stone would go through a window like that.'

"We looked on the floor and, enough, we found a big bullet which had passed right through the back of the sent on which I had been sitting. Well, I wasn't shot, and of course I know I was lucky to escape being killed. If I had been there I would probably have

EXCUSED FOR BEING HUNGRY. How an Impecunious But Polite Old Man Paid for His Supper.

It is not often that politeness is used as legal tender and a means of defence at the same time, but it can be worked suc-cessfully in the hands of the proper per-

sons, says the Tacoma Ledger.
Last night a week, a miserable-looking old man with straggling gray hair, gaunt-eyed and hungry, wandered into the little restaurant at the corner of C and Eleventh streets kept by "Billy" Robertson. The old man sat down at a table and swallowed four big bowls of strong soup in rapid succession and then tackled a robust lay-out of cornedbeef and cabbage, after which he topped off the load with a cut of pumpkin pie. When he had finished the waiter laid a check beside his plate. Taking his check the old fellow approached the counter and whispered to the proprie-

"Excuse you for what?
"I haven't any money." Billy put on a fierce front and made a government as if to throw the polite old for

man into the street. "Please don't hit me," he exclaimed in alarm. "I just got out of a hospital where I didn't get enough to eat, and I've been sick, too. I haven't any money to pey with, and I do hope you will ex-

The restaurant man could but comple with this modest request, and the polite old man was then and there excused.

Dudish Wisdom. New York World. Small Boy: "Pa, why does that young man wear an eye-glass on only "So he can use the other eye

see with." The dealers recommend and the peo-ple buy Salvation Oil, the great pain care. 25 cents.

HOME BILLIARDS.

AN EXPENSIVE OUTFIT FOR A PRI-VATE DINING-ROOM-

The Growing Popularity of the Game Noted Men Who Play It-A Combination Billiard- and Dinner-Table.

(Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.) NEW YORK, November 22, 1890. from being merely a product of that writer's fertile imagination, are a reality. and that within a few weeks they have been traced and discovered by the smoke and a chat about old times I setbusiness that followed the civil war are



A YOUNG BEGINNER. Home amusements have gained by the broader Christianity that characterizes our religious thought. Billiards was once considered a decidedly wicked game. Its tables were only found in hotels and saloons, and the clergyman Andrew D. White Cites Illustrations of the disgraced his cloth. In fact, when the game of eroquet was first introduced the irreverent were accustomed to call it "Presbyterian billiards." The satire only emphasized the fact that churchgoing people admitted the innocent nature of the game itself, and only obmay have been the means of introducing billiards to the home circle, At all events, public opinion has undergone a decided change on the subject. A bil-liard-table is found in many a theological seminary, and the most eminent divines find relaxation in the click of the



LEARNING TO HOLD THE CUE.

The game is so well suited to the home that it is surprising it did not become popular long ago. It requires just enough of physical exercise to balance the mental effort. Unlike whist, the body, instead of wearying of one pos-ture, is rested by the exercise afforded in walking around the table and handling

A list of the men prominent in financial and social circles who enjoy bil-liards at their homes would be a long one. Jay Gould and the Vanderbilts have billiard-rooms in their city resi-dences, and George Gould has one in his mountain lodge, also. C. P. Hunting-ton, August Belmont, E. D. Morgan, and William Rockfeller have tables in their city and country houses, and the billiard parlor in "Rockwell," on the Hudson, is

said to be the finest in the country. There is a billiard-room in the House at Washington and two table are included in the furnishings of the Gov-ernor's Mansion at Albany. President Diaz has a table at his home in the Mexican capital. The devotion of military men to the game is well known. Generals Grant, McClellan, and Custer were skilful players. There are billiardpiping times of peace."
The theatrical profession furnishes

many really good players. Denman Thompson owns two tables, McKee Rankin and W. J. Florence devote much time to the game, and there are several actresses as well who often show in private their skill upon "the field of the cloth of green." Mrs. Langtry and Fanny Davenport have tables in their homes, and Mme. Patti's billiard-parlor in Craig-y-Nos Castle is the most luxurious spartment of the kind in the world. famous diva is an enthusiastic player, and as her husband, Nicolini, is also fond of the game they have spared no expense in fitting up the room. The table cost its fair owner \$1,500.



PATTI'S BILLIARD PARLOR,

It is of American antique oak, inlaid with mother of pearl. The most ex-quisite carvings adorn the legs and mouldings, and a peculiarly pleasing effect is produced by an artistic blend-ing of South American fancy woods in the panels. The delicate tints of tulip, dagonet, and amaranth harmonize with the darker shades of cocabola and mahogany, and form a superb background four landscape medallions which

adorn the sides.

In fitting up a billiard-room it is usual to match the furnishings and table, but, of course, people of moderate means need not go to this expense. There is a wide margin between the billiard-parlor of Mrs. Petti and the modest outfit of of Mme. Patti and the modest outfit of an amateur who can only enjoy the game however, picked up a stick for a cane an amateur who can only enjoy the game after business hours. An oak table of the best make 4½x9 feet, with cue-rack, cues, balls, bridges, markers, and everything necessary for the game can be bought for \$250. A veneered table will cost less money; and there are outfits manufactured by houses of less reputation that will reach the second secon

setting up the table, and the rules of the game are always sent with an outfit. At the Exposition in Paris last year a very ingenious table for home use was exhibited. It is ordinarily a dining-table, covered with green cloth. A turn of a green's underneath raises a crashioned curb crank underneath raises a cushioned curb all around the edge and transforms it at once into a billiard-table. Such a com-



CORNER IN THE WHITE-HOUSE BILLIARD ROOM.

binaton, while decidely novel, can hardly ecome popular here. It would not be ery pleasant to have the servants come in the midst of a game to lay the cloth

for dinner.

A billiard-room must be well lighted. The light, if possible, should come from above through ample skylights, so as to bring the table within a general focus and thus prevent any shadow being

ORIGIN OF THE BOWIE-KNIFE.

A Fearful Accident Led to Its Manufacture and Use.

Much has been said and written re-Much has been said and written regarding the origin of the bowie-knife, the fact is that Rezin P. Bowie, not James, conceived the idea of the knife, says the New York Ledger.

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plantation determined to have a knife which would be a protection against such

driven through a man's hand, In this way did the bowie-knife origi-

nate, and it was never intended for other

DRINKS FROM THE SLOT.

A New Catch-Penny Device Which is Used in England.

The latest development in the "pen-The latest development in the "penny-in-the-slot" system is an automatic coffee cavern now on exhibition at Birmingham, says the London Tid-Bits.

The purchaser drops in his penny and pulls out a knob labelled with the drink he desires. Then by pressing a tap he is able to draw the exact quantity.

The latest development in the "penny and quarters or in a terrific storm. Their chances "was one in a thousand or a voice shouted: "Say, you young man, million, where in a fog it would have been sitting, and in the joiliest kind of a voice shouted: "Say, you young man, dah, you can't nebber say dat no cullid lady nebber sat on youah knee, can you?" Of course the passengers all roared. As for the young man, his feeling may be better imagined than desired that if there is a zone of the through the property of t is able to draw the exact quantity.

There are two plated cups for the use

of customers, and a second tap gives a Constant supply of water for rinsing.

Each reservoir of drink holds seven gallons, and tea and coffee are kept hot y an unseen gas-burner. The auto-aton turns the gas out when the reser-

voir is exhausted and displays a notice Empty" in front. Iced drinks are to be sold through the same machine, which can also be utilized for the sale of sandwiches, pies, and

sandwiches.

How Moses Picked Up a Bear-Trap. New York Sun.

I had just eaten dinner with a Missis sippi planter and we sat on the veranda smoking when a colored man came up, pulled off his hat, and said:
"Majah, Ize dun heard somebody shoutin' ober by de lower co'n crib."

"He do, sah. Reckon it hu'ts his feel-

"Very well, William, I'll go down there pretty soon."

I didn't ask what it was, and the Major didn't explain for some time. By and by, after we had thrown our cigars

away, he said:

The niggers have been stealing my c'on, and last night I set a bear-trap. William thinks we've got some game, and we might walk down that way." The crib was half a mile from the

house. As we got near to it we heard a shout and a little later caught sight of a colored man sitting on the ground at the door. His right leg was fast in the bear-trap. "Good evening," saluted the Major

as we came up.
"Good evenin', Major Bush."

"Fine weather for cotton."
"Mighty fine, Majah. Has yo' dun got freu ploughin' out ? " "Not quite. How's crops on the other side of the bayou ? "Only tolable, Majah-only tolable.

Bin moas' too wet wid us ober dar!'
"Any talk about election?" "Jess a lettle bit, Majah, but not nuff to hurt anybody.' "You came over to see me

work, I suppose?"
"Yas, sab, I did. Some of de hands was a-sayin' yo' could put on a man or two." "So I can. What's that on your leg,

Moses ?" "On my leg? On which leg, Majah?" "On the right."
"Oh, yes, I'd dun forgot all about it.

I stepped in it down in de woods an was bringing it up to de house." "That is very kind. We will take it It took both of us to spring the jaws and the man's leg seemed to have been cut to the bone. He scrambled up,

and said : "Much obleeged, Majah. sha'l I cum?"
"About Monday next, Moses." "Werry well. Reckon I'll go home an' make all ready. Good evenin', all." We replied to his salutation, and he hobbled off into the woods trying hard

and Other Causes.

Now that the ocean steamship companies have announced the abolition of their transatlantic races, the travelling public can look back with a sense of re-lief at the risks it has run and the dan-tion may also have been of importance. In one of the noted racers the vibration gers to which it has been exposed in the frantic, though altogether human, efforts to "break the record." There is a charm to "break the record." There is a charm tain to take an extra day on the voyage about ocean-racing that few travellers of in order that they might get a little reeither hemisphere can resist, and, yield- lief from the constant jar of the matheir splendid steamers through dense fog banks, day and night, at a speed of twenty or twenty or twenty one knets (transport twenty or twenty-one knots (twenty-four or twenty-five miles) an hour, along a a minimum. The travelling public hereor twenty-five miles) an hour, along a after may not get to Europe at a fivetrack known to be beset with thousands day rate, but it will have a peace of mind of dangers. Faster and faster steamers have been before. In abolishing the frantic efforts built. Regardless of the dangers to be of ocean steamships to break records the

encountered and actuated by the desire to render a certain line or even a particular ship famous, every expedient has been resorted to in driving the vessel madly along. The most effective adventises of the dangers to be desired to render a certain line or even a particular ship famous, every expedient which, according to a time-honored maxim, saves nine. advertisement a steamship company could get last summer was that of "breaking a record" or "beating its rival," and so long as human nature remains what it is there will be those-in number legion-who will flock to the champion flyer.

TWENTY AND TWENTY-ONE KNOTS. thrown from the balls or cushions. But unless one is building this can seldom be obtained. The next best thing is a comparatively easy matter in a ship of the length of the Atlantic liners, but to increase that speed to twenty and twenty-one knots and keep it there re The gaslight should be raised about quires almost superhuman efforts. This is why Atlantic racing has risen to the and supplied with horizontal burners, dignity of an art developed and aided and supplied with horizontal burners, so that no shadow is cast by the pipe. The distance of the light from the floor should be about 6 feet 1 inch. For a 5x10 foot table the cross-arms of the pendant should measure from light to light 28 inches, and the long arms 56 inches. For a 4x3-foot table, cross-arms 25 inches and long arms 50 inches. For a 4x3-foot table, cross-arms 22 inches 25 inches and long arms 50 inches. For a 4x8 table, cross-arms 22 inches 10 inches 25 inc arms 25 inches and long arms 22 inches possible effort, but to withstand the and long arms 44 inches. A useful shade has been devised which throws a soft, they are palaces, and without they are has been devised which throws a soit, even light on the table and keeps the glare from the players' eyes. The floor, if carpeted at all, should be covered with some thick or soit material.

they are palaces, and without they are castles. Their engines and boilers are the most perfect, as well as the most perfect, as well as the most perfect, as well as the most perfect as well as the most perfect, as well as the most perfect as the most perfect as well as the most perfec Atlantic is as well known as Broadway to a policeman. In their engine-rooms are men who have absolutely nothing left to learn in the arts and mysteries of getting

James, conceived the idea of the knife, says the New York Ledger.

The invention was the result of an accident, Colonel Rezin P. Bowie was a planter in Opelousa, La. While hunting wild cattle he attacked a young steer, which in throwing up its head struck his hunting-knife with its horn in such a way as to knock it through his hand, making an ugly cut between the thumb and foreinger.

On returning from the hunt he repaired to the blacksmith-shop on his plantation determined to have a knife. is, of course, exercised. But that she does not collide with some of the icebergs, derelicts, or other vessels along Picking up an old file he ordered the the route, is, in many cases, due to good Picking up an old file he ordered the blacksmith to make a knife of it having a cross-piece betwixt hilt and blade, so that it would be impossible to be entirely that it would be impossible to be entirely that are chronicled every summer.

than a hunting-knife; but James Bowie the manufactured get up. She seemed to weigh a ton to this young man, whose rosy cheeks were the tax on to bacco from eight to six firmly as the rock of Gilbraltar until the comes a question of chances—the chance whether another vessel happens to be on the same track at a time when the ship is subjected in crossing the get up. She seemed to weigh a ton to this young man, whose rosy cheeks were the tax on to bacco from eight to six firmly as the rock of Gilbraltar until the car came to a full stop. Then she slow-whether another vessel happens to be on the same track at a time when the ship large than a hunting-knife; but James Bowie stamship is subjected in crossing the get up. She seemed to weigh a ton to this young man, whose rosy cheeks were the tax on to bacco from eight to six cents per pound, and the bill as passed provides for a tax rebate of two cents per large to up. She seemed to weigh a ton to bacco from eight to six cents per pound, and the bill as passed provides for a tax rebate of two cents per large to up. She seemed to weigh a ton.

I have the value of the tax on to bacco from eight to six cents per large to up. She seemed to weigh a ton aster there was no fog. It was a clear When she stepped out of the door on night, on a broad ocean, and yet the two the platform she turned around so as to have been expected to do only in cramped quarters or in a terrific storm. Their been sitting, and in the jolliest kind of a

> They contend that if there is a zone of 100 miles of fog they shall run half the chance of meeting in that area a vessel running in the opposite direction if the ships each cover it in five hours than if they take ten hours. They hold that the faster a ship steams the more she is under command of her helm; the faster she goes the more quickly will her rud-der act. While the latter part of this argument relating to the reliability of the modern steam-steering gear is largethe modern steam-steering gear is large-ly true, the argument as a whole strikes her consort. But reasons of state premany skippers as fallacious. If they slow down, they urge, they will have time to get out of the way. This is especially true in the case of submerged icebergs, where a crash at full speed, say affair led to the writing of a ballad twenty-knots, would leave nothing of which used to be sung in the drawingthe ship, passengers, or freight except rooms of Great Britain, the first verse bills of lading, freight receipts, and in-

The machinery of these racers of the the sea presents many special points for consideration and doubtless led to the conclusion on the part of the steamship companies to abolish the system of high-companies to abolish the system of high-special points. Steam of 160 pounds'

I'll off to the wars again. The battle-field no pain;
The battle-field no pain;
The lady I love will soon be a bride, with a diadem on her brow, oh, why did she flatter my boyish pride?
She's going to leave me now. surance policies.

The machinery of these racers of the pressure (which is carried by the triple-expansion engines) has a temperature of 371°. This is dangerously near the point at which the friction of piston rings become excessive. Furthermore, this great pressure entails the use of extremely heavy boilers, and heavy-weights are objectionable in Atlantic weights are objectionable in Atlantic racers. Another consideration is that of the men who run the engines. No body of men has cause to be more grateful for the suspension of the ocean races than the firemen and engineers. The high pressure end of the engine-room in a big ship under full power is always intolerably hot, especially on the middle platform, where the men are stationed to look after the lubrication of the crosshead and piston-rod. Every rise in the pressure of steam has made the forward end of the engine-room worse and worse. The steam-pipe, though well-covered, becomes so hot that it cannot be touched. The radiation becomes cruelly intense. Having been on duty in such a place for one hour, a man becomes spent with heat and runs to thrust his head into a windsail. The result of that short interval spent away from his post may be a catastrophe. Less than a minute will suffice to make a guide bar nearly redhot, and the packing of a piston rod may be entirely destroyed in even less time. Much of this will be avoided when ships cease to race for records under tremendous pressures.

HEAT IN THE PIRE-ROOM. But the difficulties and troubles in the engine-room of the racing craft are in-

significant beside those in the fire-room, "When forced draught is used," said one of the City of New York's firemen to a Times reporter, "the heat in the firerooms in deep ships sometimes rises to as much as 150°. Everything is sacrificed to get air to the fires. The men must do without To pass between the must do without. To pass between the boilers means facing a temperature positively frightful. The engineers are often driven to their wits ends to keep the men up to their work." In the opinion money; and there are outfits manufactured by houses of less reputation that will probably give quite as good satisfaction for \$150. Besides the table, a few chairs and the gas-fixtures are the only furniture necessary for a home game of billiards; and, with a small adeboard included, the outlay need not actually exceed \$200. Instructions for

these do not contribute to the safety of the ship or its engines.

By prolonging the duration of the trip across the Atlantic a few hours an enor-mous saving in coal is effected, but from

a pecuniary point of view the saving of a few hundred tons counts for nothing It Entails Increased Expense and It is and probably was of no importance in the considerations that led to the suppression of the racing-fever. The comstated—namely, that the racers meant more costly ships with finer lines and less carrying-capacity; great danger, especially from collision with bergs and ships, and extreme risk in the engine is so great that probably there are few passengers who would not beg the capand a sense of security that it never had

> ADVENTURE ON A STREET-CAR. The Modest Swell Had a "Cullid Lady Sitting on His Knee.

There is a young gentleman in this mens, yet they were fairly workable for city who has a first-rate opinion of him-manufacturing and for stripping for self. He is not the only man in Chicago who rates his person as Al, because
if the young men of this vicinity have
one weakness it is the belief that they
are quite able to hold their own against

manufacturing and for stripping for
export, and prices ruled good.

From such of the dealers as the
Oispatch representative talked with it
was discovered that subsequent loose
tobacco breaks would probably grade

the whole country for good looks and business ability.

But this young gentleman of whom the Saunterer of the Chicago Post writes brought into the markets by negroes brought into the markets by negroes is unusually good-looking and bright. Who plant on shares, and who illustrate the is tall and symmetrical, has rosy the evolution of the humors of tobacco cheeks and nice eyes, and is generally admired by his fair acquaintances, more than one being quite susceptible to his its own vehicle, and a mule pulled the manly charms. He has a good position in a leading mule. Sambo could not ride on the

wholesale house, is the pink of propriety, and affects music. His do-re-mi-fasol talents find an airing in the choir of a prominent West-Side church. Like the prominent was prominent was sold to be church to be caused by the carried and "Old Master" would not let him ride the mule. Now that all modest men, he is extremely sensi-tive. the negro is his own master and the cart has taken the place of the hogshead it is A low evenings ago he left his place of business to go to his home on the West Side. He boarded a grip car at the corper of Madison about 18 place of negro than of tobacco on the vehicle, the corner of Madison street and Fifth

avenue. The car was full of passengers, homeward bound. Our hero wanted a seat because he was carrying home a heavy bundle, and the last foot-pound of useful work out of their machinery. The struggle is a magnificent but a dangerous one.

was carrying home a heavy bundle, and under such circumstances to sit is much that they are disappointing in both color and quality. But small quantities the passengers was a colored woman of these have yet come in, as the heavy occupied was quite sufficient for two, allowing room for this extra adipose tis-

As the car approached La Salle street on Madison the stout colored woman arose, but before she could move an inch the curve was reached and rounded a contract of the curve was reached and rounded a contract of the curve was reached and rounded and the contract of the curve was through the curve was thro

Worse than this was the fact that she proach, and last but not least the rebate The greatest danger to which a good termship is subjected in a constitution of the search of the sea question is a potential faction in re-stricting orders for the manufactured

strong pressure will be brought to bear When she stepped out of the door on vessels crashed together as they might face the passengers, shook her finger at its next session re-enact that clause, buyers are not disposed to "stock" until the question is definitely settled, from well-posted and conservative leaf dealers the outlook for activity in the trade after Christmas appears very bright. There will be, said several of

Origin of an Old Ballad.

Philadelphia Record.

The name of Lord Ellenborough, whose death is announced, was in his youth associated with that of Queen (then Princess) Victoria. It was a matter of common rumor that the two young people were devoted to each other, and that the youthful Queen intinguished himself. His romantic love

Fill hang my harp on a willow tree,
Fill off to the wars again;
A peaceful home has no charm for me,

How Some Boys Can Fib. [Kansas City Times.] The four-year-old son of Charles Clif-

manner. ford, the pugilist who is now in jail for probably fatally wounding David A. dreever, the stockman, is precocious and about 18,000 hogsheads, and quotations on 'Change show that prices rule here as firm as elsewhere. The Richmond to-

bacco-dealers as a rule will tell you all they know, good and bad, touching the trade, and if it is competent to pass any "There's a nice dog. He can catch a ball in his mouth when I toss one to criticism on them it is that they are too

got a dog that will catch up a stick in its teeth and bat the call back."

as a market. That it possesses superior advantages as a market for both Virginia and North Carolina does not admit of "But this dog can climb a tree

question. Its large manufactories and its facilities for preparing and shipping Dr. Inen, slyly winking. "That's nuthin'," again retorted the export grades conspire to make it natural tobacco-centre. Recurring the loose-tobacco sales, it may be boy. "All the dogs climb trees where I live. My dog goes to school with me and is in the same class." The police surgeon's breath was taken away and he had nothing further to say.

(Judge.) "I say, old fellow, got a capital idea for a novel."
"Really! What is it?"

"Why, to make the hero blind, Now, as it is estimated according to Mr. Porter's new census, that there are quite sixty thousand unfortunates of this class in the country, every man Jack of them will naturally want a copy to read. ties adjacent to Richmond is not up to expectations, but of good workable quality, and promises a better showing when the season shall have fully opened. Vurginia and North Carolina border brights not up to expectation in color or quality, but will prove readily marketable. West Virginia's heavy and off color, but promising in the better grades some compensation in weight. Prices good and an active demand looked for.

Inviolable Secrecy.

"I'll tell you something," remarked
Miss Bleecker, "on the dead quiet."
"Very well," replied Miss BeaconStreet, of Boston, "I will remember
that it is on the deceased silence."

The Fastest of Fast-Mail Trains.

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THE TOBACCO TRADE.

SOME FACTS OF INTEREST PICKED UP AROUND RICHMOND EXCHANGE.

Lively Day in Loose Tobacco-The New

To the question, What is doing in tobac-

co? the general reply was "nothing,"

but this nothing was a comparative one. The tobacco market is not on a "boom"

THE NEW CEOP.

cured tobaccos raised in the counties con-

hogshead and a negro pulled the

hogshead because he was not raised in

As regards new bright tobaccos-those

aised in the Virginia and North Carolina

counties along the border—it appears, from the best information obtainable,

movement in them does not commer

until they have been hung up and dried.

The mountain tobaccos are also classed

as brights, and a gentleman in the

THE OUTLOOK.

But from the information gathered

them, a great demand for tobaccos when the holidays are over, and this

news is fortified by the confident tone of

the manufacturers. The present condi-

tion of the market and its promises are

such as to indicate that nowhere can the new crop be handled to better advantage

AMONG THE MANUFACTURBES.

Considering the season and the other |

drawbacks mentioned, the manufacturers are moderately busy, while of the export trade it may be said it holds up well.

The cigarette business, it was learned, is active. A concomitant development of the situation in tobacco circles, which

of Richmond business-men general-

ring to the financial flurry, the proprie-tor of one of the largest tobacco manu-

ness community had been watching the

financial movements closely for some time, and that there was no "over-trading." He expressed himself regard-

ing the situation here in a most assuring

The old stock on hand amounts to

conservative—not to say cautious—in setting forth the advantages of the city

served that if the animation exhibited around the piles at the warehouses Fri-

when the better grades of reds begin to

come in and the movements in brights

In summing up and reflecting as far

as possible the opinions and informa-tion obtainable from mingling for a few hours with tobacco-men and studying

the scenes on 'Change and around the

warehouses the conclusions reached are as follows: The crop moving from coun-ties adjacent to Richmond is not up to

AN EXPERT OPINION.

Last night a gentleman whose long experience in the tobacco business, in a line that entitles him to be classed as an expert, said that the stocks of desirable tobaccos, both dark and bright, on hand, had been greatly reduced, and white neither the darks not brights of the new

shall be fully on the market will experi-

day is a criterion of what is to

ence one of its most active years.

than here.

condition for the winter campaign.

crop came up to expectation, they were so superior to the old stock remaining unmarketed that they would be readily taken up at good prices. His insight into the prospect of the market coincided in all respects with that of all the other tobacco-men with whom the Disparch representative conversed. Crop-Ontlook Good-An Expert Opinion.

It is one thing to growl with a gloomy countenance. It is quite 'another thing to growl with a genial countenance.

The average leaf tobacco man around

"Kim in yah," shouted a woman as she came to the door of a shanty in Howard Town. "Doan yoh know no bettah'n ter be dancin' dataway, wah'n out yoh shoes 'ginst de san'?" "Ain't wah'n out ma shoes," was the 'Change yesterday was growling, but

She Was Right.

Washington Post

reply. "G'way chile. Doan' try to 'ceive with a behind-the-clouds-the-sun's-stillshining visage that was very encouraging shining visage that was very encouraging as a business prognostication, and to the newspaper-man in search of tobacco I is n wah'n out ma shoes."

"I ain'. Dese shoes is yoh'n." The Song of the Snake.

Exchange.

"Coiled under a tussock I lurk.

With a deadly charm in my eye,
With poison ramp in my throat.
In wait for my prey to pass by. just at present, but Richmond is doing as well as other markets and perhaps a little better, and is certainly in a healthy 'Gainst the oak the red lizard swelled,

But before he could change to gray I had slimed his Joseph's cost For my morning meal that day. Yesterday the scene around Shockoe and Crenshaw warehouses was pretty lively, and the loose tobacco breaks were The dun rabbit hopped too near, the largest of the season. These tobaccos

But its eyes no more dare face.
The fatal flash of my own,
As he lay in my close embrace. consisted chiefly of the sun- and air-

brought in by wagons and carts. They
were a part of the vanguard of the new
crop, and as usual were its poorest specimens, yet they were faulty workship for

"The sad mourning-dove drew near As under the ferns I lay. Drawn by a subtle power Its weakness could not gainsay.

Swung swiftly, came down through the

An Eczema 17 Years.

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as brights, and a gentleman in the business who had recently travelled through West Virginia informed the Disparch representative yesterday that these tobacces were more off-color than they had been for years. The crop is a self, but I went sales almost immediately.

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But care came too late, for the club, air;
Lizard, rabbit, squirrel, and dove
Were avenged on his snakeship there.

CURED IN EIGHT WEEKS. ONE OF THE

At the age of three months a rash (which after



they had been for years. The crop is a fairly full one, however, and has body.

CAUSE OF DULNESS.

The cause of dulness in the trade can

Solf, but I went asleep almost immediating that I had not done for year something that I had not done for years were nearly walk. I weak; but my sores were nearly walk. A weak; but my sores were nearly walk. A selection of the cause of dulness in the trade can The cause of dulness in the trade can e accounted for on several grounds, To begin with, tobacco always feels least signs of the disease reappearing on me. W. J. McDonal.D. 3732 Deaborn street, Chicago, Ill., June 30, 1887.

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